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W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 244.

TO CONFIRM TITLE TO CERTAIN LAND IN F. C. LOVREIN

S. F. 9.

AN ACT to confirm the title of F. C. Lovrein in a strip of land on section fifteen, township ninety-three north, range thirty-four west of the fifth principal meridian lying between the true south boundary line and the meandered south boundary line of Rat Lake in said section; and authorizing the executive council to quit claim said strip to him.

WHEREAS, In meandering the south boundary line of Rat Lake in the above named section, the government surveyors did not conform to the true south boundary line of said lake but deflected such meander into and across the bed of said lake, thereby making a material mistake so that there is a strip of wet and marsh land of about fifty-four acres which is within the bed of said lake, but which appears to be, under the government survey, a part of the lands lying south of said lake now owned by F. C. Lovrein and known as lots one, two, three and four in said section, and

WHEREAS, The state of Iowa (having theretofore received title to said lots from the United States) on May 3d, 1881, patented said lots to the remote grantors of said Lovrein as containing one hundred sixty-nine acres as is shown by such government survey; while in fact such lots contain but one hundred fifteen acres outside of said lake bed; and the state has levied taxes for a quarter of a century upon said lots as if they contained one hundred sixty-nine acres and included within them the strip of wet and marsh land above described, and

WHEREAS, The said Lovrein and his grantors have in good faith paid such taxes, and have in like good faith paid full value for the whole of the one hundred sixty-nine acres believed to be contained within said lots relying upon the said survey of the government and the said patent of the state; and the claim of the said Lovrein to said strip of wet and marsh [land] is a just and equitable one, and

WHEREAS, On account of the fact that the state of Iowa claims to own the land lying in the bed of all meandered lakes within its boundaries; and of the fact that it has recently caused a new survey to be made of said lake under authority of chapter 186 of the laws of the 30th General Assembly in which new survey said strip has been included within the bed of said lake and within the lands subject to drainage and sale by the state, doubts have arisen as to the title of the said Lovrein to said strip of land, now therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Title confirmed—patent. That the title to that part of Rat Lake in section fifteen, township ninety-three north, range thirty-four west of the fifth principal meridian lying south of the south meander lines of said lake as described in the United States government survey is hereby confirmed

in F. C. Lovrein his heirs and assigns forever; and the executive council is hereby authorized to cause to be executed, without expense to the state, a patent wherein the state of Iowa shall quit claim unto said F. C. Lovrein his heirs and assigns, all its right, title and interest in that part of the said lake above described.

Approved March 12, A. D. 1907.

CHAPTER 245.

RELIEF OF GRANTEES OF JAMES SEBY PARSONS.

H. F. 429.

AN ACT for the relief of the grantees of James Seby Parsons, and for the purpose of having a patent issued in the name of Cornelis De Geest for a certain tract of land.

WHEREAS, The original government survey of section eleven (11) in township seventy-five (75) north, and of range eighteen (18) west of the 5th P. M. in Marion county, Iowa, shows that lot two (2) and lot eight (8) cover all of the east half of the south west quarter of said section;

AND WHEREAS, The said lot two (2) of the said section containing 41.33 acres lying north of the Des Moines river was sold to John Price on March 7, 1851, and was patented to the said John Price April 1, 1851, which patent is No. 2400 and recorded in Vol. "E" on page 60 of the records of the Des Moines river land patents at the state land office, and which lot two (2) is still owned and held and in possession of the grantees of the said John Price;

AND WHEREAS, The said lot eight (8) in the said section containing 18.16 acres and lying south of the Des Moines river was sold to Edwin Manning December 31, 1850, and was patented to the said Edwin Manning on January 1, 1851 by patent No. 2195, and which patent is recorded in Vol. "C" on page 554 of the records of the Des Moines river land patents at the state land office, and which lot eight (8) is still owned and held and in possession of the grantees of the said Edwin Manning;

AND WHEREAS, The two patents above referred to cover all of the east half of the south west quarter of said section eleven (11) in township seventy-five (75) north, and of range eighteen (18) west of the 5th P. M.;

AND WHEREAS, The records of the said state land office show that the south east quarter of the south west quarter of section eleven (11) was sold to James Seby Parsons on March 5, 1852, and patented to the said Parsons on February 16, 1853 by patent No. 2769, said patent being recorded in Vol. "E" on page 428 of the records of the Des Moines river land patents at the state land office;

AND WHEREAS, The said James Seby Parsons has never taken possession of the said south east quarter of the south west quarter of the said section, township and range, and has never claimed any right, title or interest in said tract under and by virtue of the said sale and patent to him, and there being no person now claiming title thereto by, through or under the said James Seby Parsons;

AND WHEREAS, The land covered by the said south east quarter of south west quarter of said section eleven (11) has been sold and patented prior to the date of this sale and patent to James Seby Parsons and has already been sold and patented as lot eight (8) and part of lot two (2) herein before referred to, there was an evident mistake in putting down the last named tract as purchased by the said Parsons, and also an evident mistake in issuing to